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Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach and the Iowa Soybean Association (ISA) have released a collaborative publication, Field Crop Insects, the latest in a series of practical and valuable reference tools for farmers.

Correct recognition and identification of insect pests is an important first step to making a proper management decision regarding any insect found in soybean and corn. Field Crop Insects is a comprehensive publication for farmers and ag professionals in a format they can easily use. In addition to help with identification, it provides useful information about sampling and treatment thresholds.

The 74-page publication is filled with vivid, full-color images and descriptions of insect pests and the damage they cause to soybeans and corn. Management options are provided as well as Web addresses for access to more detailed insect control recommendations.

Insect pests are becoming more prevalent in Iowa as environmental conditions and cropping systems change. Minimizing yield loss from insects is essential for sustainable and profitable soybean and corn production. The imagery in this publication is detailed so it is easy to accurately identify problem pests.

Funding for printing and distribution of the publication was provided by the Iowa Soybean Association through the soybean checkoff and ISU Extension and Outreach.

Printed copies of Field Crop Insects can be obtained by contacting the Iowa Soybean Association at (800) 383-1423; they can also be ordered from the ISU Extension Online Store at <http://store.extension.iastate.edu> or by calling (515) 294-5247 and requesting publication CSI 0014. The guide can be viewed online at www.iasoybeans.com/productionresearch/.

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